



City of Southfield

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May 19, 2015

Dear Members of the House Commerce and Trade Committee:

On May 18, 2015, the Southfield City Council unanimously voted to indicate its opposition to House Bill 4052.

The Council and Mayor have concerns with the State determining what local ordinances our City can and cannot enact to keep our economy competitive. As you may know, Southfield is a premier business address in Michigan, with more than 27 million square feet of office space and over seven million square feet of retail and industrial space. In fact, Southfield boasts more office space than the central business districts of Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit, Indianapolis or Kansas City. Southfield is home to over 9,000 businesses including more than 100 "Fortune 500" companies.

We know what works best to keep our local economy - which is a large contributor to the State economy - thriving. This infringement on local control should give every local municipal official, and the Michigan citizens they represent, serious pause.

Please consider our unanimous opposition to House Bill 4052.

Sincerely,

Acting Mayor Donald Fracassi
Acting Council President Sylvia Jordan
Councilman Lloyd Crews
Councilman Myron Frasier
Councilman Michael Mandelbaum
Councilwoman Joan Seymour

Acting Mayor
Donald F. Fracassi

Acting Council President
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LLOYD CREWS

Councilman

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May 18, 2015

Dear Representative Moss and Michigan House Commerce and Trade Committee,

I write you today to express my opposition to H.B. 4052, a bill that would prohibit local governing bodies from adopting, enforcing, or administering an ordinance, local policy or local resolution. More specifically, this bill would regulate ordinances and policies that:

- Require an employer to pay a wage higher than that of the state or federal minimum wage
- Require an employer to pay a wage or fringe benefit based on rates prevailing in the locality
- Regulate work stoppage or strike activity
- Require an employer to provide paid or unpaid leave time
- Require an employer or employees to participate in an educational apprenticeship or training program

These are just a few of the concerns that I have and I strongly urge this committee to vote against this bill. Just as state government often seeks to maintain its autonomy from federal government control, municipal government wishes to do the same as it relates to state government. It is my position that we at the local level are best suited to make these types of decision on behalf of our constituents and that a bill of this nature would usurp the power of local government and frankly is undemocratic.

If you wish to talk to me further relating this matter, feel free to contact me by email at lcrews@cityofsouthfield.com or call 248-796-5150.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lloyd C. Crews".

Dr. Lloyd C. Crews

Councilman, City of Southfield